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Shinya TOKUMARU

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For: CERAMIC HONEYCOMB FILTER, ITS PRODUCTION METHOD, AND PLUGGING
MATERIAL FOR CERAMIC HONEYCOMB FILTER

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT

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Sir:

We enclose a copy of the Official Filing Receipt for the above-identified application and request the following corrections:

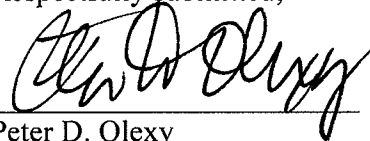
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Assignment for Published Patent Application
HITACHI METALS, LTD.

Verification for the requested corrections are indicated on the enclosed copy of the original executed Assignment and the Application Transmittal letter filed and acknowledged on March 24, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/JP04/14273 09/29/2004 .

Foreign Applications

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Re: Application of TOKUMARU, Shinya
CERAMIC HONEYCOMB FILTER, ITS PRODUCTION METHOD, AND
PLUGGING MATERIAL FOR CERAMIC HONEYCOMB FILTER
Assignee: HITACHI METALS, LTD.
Our Ref: Q93850

Dear Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ 2 sheet(s) of drawings.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ a copy of the ISR.
- ☐ a copy of the IPER.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☐ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).



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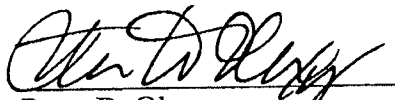
Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$900.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2003-338126	September 29, 2003

The entire disclosure(s) of the prior application(s), Japanese application numbers JP 2003-338126 filed September 29, 2003 is/are considered part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is/are hereby incorporated by reference.

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Assignment

Whereas, I/We, Shinya TOKUMARU of Fukuoka-ken, Japan;
hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in

CERAMIC HONEYCOMB FILTER, ITS PRODUCTION METHOD,
AND PLUGGING MATERIAL FOR CERAMIC HONEYCOMB FILTER

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on
March 10, 2006; and

Whereas,

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Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and
invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

I/We, the above named assignor(s), hereby sell, assign and transfer to the above named
assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the application and the
invention disclosed therein for the United States of America, including the right to claim priority
under 35 U.S.C. §119, and I/we request the Director – U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to issue
any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in the application to the assignee, its
successors and assigns; and I/we will execute without further consideration all papers deemed
necessary by the assignee in connection with the United States application when called upon to
do so by the assignee.

I/We hereby authorize and request our attorneys SUGHRUE MION, PLLC of 2100
Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037-3213 to insert here in parentheses
(Application number _____ and Confirmation number _____, filed _____
_____) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

Date: March 10, 2006 Shinya TOKUMARU

s/ Shinya TOKUMARU

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